

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ladislaus B. Dombrowski Board Room
John A. Hannah Building
608 West Allegan
Lansing, Michigan

May 8, 2007
9:30 a.m.

Present: Mr. Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman
Mrs. Kathleen N. Straus, President
Mr. John C. Austin, Vice President
Mrs. Carolyn L. Curtin, Secretary
Mrs. Marianne Yared McGuire, Treasurer
Mrs. Nancy Danhof, NASBE Delegate
Mrs. Elizabeth Bauer
Mr. Reginald Turner
Ms. Casandra Ulbrich
Mrs. Sue Carnell, representing Governor Jennifer M. Granholm,
ex officio

Also Present: Ms. Kim Kyff, 2006-2007 Michigan Teacher of the Year

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Flanagan called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

II. AGENDA FOLDER ITEM

A. Revised Consent Agenda Memorandum

III. INFORMATIONAL FOLDER ITEMS

- A. Information on State Performance Plan and Public Reporting Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act 2004 (IDEA) – memorandum dated May 8, 2007
- B. Information on the Proposed Administrative Rules for Special Education – memorandum dated May 8, 2007
- C. Information on Nominations to the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) – memorandum dated May 8, 2007
- D. Special Education Advisory Committee Quick Notes and Reporting Formats – memorandum dated May 8, 2007

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

- A. Presentation of the Draft K-12 Content Expectations for Social Studies Prior to Public, National, and Legislative Review – combination of Items A and B
- B. 2007-2008 Special Projects Grants Under Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – Initial – added to agenda
- C. 2006-2007 Mandated Activities Project, Preschool Outcomes Measurement Grant – Amendment – added to agenda
- D. 2006-2007 Title I, Part A – Improving Basic Programs – Amendment – added to agenda
- E. Adoption of Resolution Honoring Steven L. Horstman – added to agenda

Mrs. Bauer moved, seconded by Mr. Austin, that the State Board of Education approve the agenda and order of priority, as modified.

Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, Danhof, McGuire, Straus, Ulbrich
Absent: Turner

The motion carried.

V. INTRODUCTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS, DEPARTMENT STAFF, AND GUESTS

Mrs. Eileen Hamilton, State Board Executive, introduced members of the State Board of Education, Department of Education staff, new employees who have joined the Department recently, and guests attending the meeting.

VI. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF THE MICHIGAN SCHOOL SUPPORT PERSON OF THE YEAR

Mr. Flanagan presented the resolution in honor of the 2006-2007 Michigan School Support Person of the Year, Mrs. Helen Miller, Special Education Teacher's Aide at the Jerry L. White Center at Renaissance High School in the Detroit Public Schools.

Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mrs. Danhof, that the State Board of Education adopt the resolution attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated April 23, 2007, honoring the 2006-2007 Michigan School Support Person of the Year.

Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, Danhof, McGuire, Straus, Ulbrich
Absent: Turner

The motion carried.

The resolution honoring Helen Miller as the Michigan School Support Person of the Year is attached as Exhibit A.

VII. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION HONORING JEREMY M. HUGHES

Mr. Flanagan said Dr. Jeremy M. Hughes, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer, is retiring, and a resolution in his honor is being presented to the Board for adoption.

Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mr. Austin, that the State Board of Education adopt the Resolution honoring Jeremy Michael Hughes, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated April 30, 2007.

Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, Danhof, McGuire, Straus, Ulbrich
Absent: Turner

The motion carried.

The resolution honoring Jeremy Michael Hughes is attached as Exhibit B.

VIII. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

A. School Support Staff Person of the Year – Helen Miller

Ms. Jean Shane, Special Assistant, Awards and Recognitions, said the Michigan Support Person of the Year award was established to recognize school support staff members.

Ms. Shane read an excerpt from a letter about Mrs. Helen Miller, written by Marilee Bylsma, "I would like to end this letter on behalf of all her children: a child with AIDS, a child who needs to be carried, a child that has seizures and wears a helmet, a child in diapers, a child with limited mental capacity, a child that cannot talk, a child with multiple disabilities . . . they would tell you that their Mrs. Miller brightens their day. They would tell you that their Mrs. Miller loves and cares for them with her gentle touch and warm smile. They would tell you that their lives would not be the same without their Mrs. Miller."

Ms. Shane introduced Mrs. Helen Miller, the 2006-2007 Michigan School Support Person of the Year, from the Jerry L. White Center in the Detroit Public Schools. Ms. Shane said Mrs. Miller was notified of her award by Mrs. Straus during a surprise

announcement on April 30, 2007, at the Jerry L. White Center. Ms. Shane said Keith January, American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees; and Ruby Newbold, Detroit Association of Educational Office Employees; were also in attendance at the notification.

Ms. Shane showed a video presentation of the April 30, 2007, announcement of Mrs. Miller as the 2006-2007 Michigan School Support Person of the Year.

Mrs. Miller said receiving the award is absolutely wonderful, and she graciously accepts the award on behalf of all the hard-working, dedicated support personnel. She said she plans to work with the students as long as she is able.

Mrs. Miller was presented with a statue by Mr. Flanagan, and a State Board of Education resolution and lapel pin by Mrs. Straus. Mr. Flanagan presented Mrs. Miller with a joint tribute from the Senate and House of Representatives signed by Senator Buzz Thomas and Representative George Cushingberry. Mrs. Carnell presented a proclamation on behalf of Governor Granholm.

Mrs. Miller was joined at the meeting by her daughter, Kim Miller; granddaughter, Danielle Miller; sister, Dorothy Crawford; niece Kelly Crawford; assistant principal, Cynthia Patton-Johnson; assistant superintendent, Shirley Mobley Woods; and classroom teacher, Linda Gilmore.

Ms. Shane introduced the state level finalists: Sally Hubbard, secretary at the Community Education Center in the Kalamazoo Public Schools; Pat Latham, administrative assistant at Kenowa Hills Middle School; Randall Learmonth, head daytime custodian at Old Mission Peninsula School in Traverse City; and Jeannie McRae, secretary at Southwest Elementary School in Howell. Mrs. Straus presented each state level finalists with a lapel pin and certificate.

Mr. Flanagan presented Mrs. Cynthia Patton-Johnson with a plaque for display in the Jerry L. White Center commemorating Helen Miller as the 2006-2007 Michigan School Support Person of the Year.

Ms. Shane thanked the American Federation of Teachers Michigan and the Michigan Education Association for providing the funding for the statues, plaques, and lapel pins for this award.

Mr. Turner joined the meeting at 9:47 a.m.

B. Presentation of Resolution – Jeremy M. Hughes

Mr. Flanagan said Jeremy Hughes is retiring from the Michigan Department of Education. He said Dr. Hughes has been the Department's Deputy Superintendent since 2002, and he has also served as Interim Superintendent.

Mr. Flanagan invited Mrs. Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent; Ms. Mary Ann Chartrand, Director, Office of Grants Coordination and School Support Services; and Ms. MaryAlice Galloway, Assistant to the Chief Academic Officer; to the table to make a special Leadership Team presentation.

Mrs. Wolenberg said the Leadership Team is comprised of the Directors in the Michigan Department of Education, and its members wished to honor Dr. Hughes in a special way. Mrs. Wolenberg said Leadership Team members Mr. Bruce Umpstead and Ms. Mary Ann Chartrand initiated the process to nominate Dr. Hughes as a recipient of the 2007 Crystal Apple Award from the Michigan State University College of Education. Mrs. Wolenberg said Dr. Hughes will be formally honored at the Crystal Apple Awards Dinner on October 26 at Michigan State University. She said the purpose of the award is to honor educators whose careers have had immeasurable value and significance.

Ms. Chartrand said when Dr. Umpstead proposed the idea, she was pleased to use her nominating opportunity as a member of the Michigan State University Alumni Association to nominate Dr. Hughes, whom she has known since the mid-1980s when they were both superintendents of local districts. She said Dr. Hughes has always been very thoughtful educator who takes time, care, and concern of those around him.

Ms. Galloway said the contributions made by Dr. Hughes as an educator to the state of Michigan have been incredibly valuable and worthy of honor and acknowledgment.

Mrs. Straus presented the State Board of Education Resolution Honoring Jeremy Michael Hughes. She said Dr. Hughes has filled his role in the Department splendidly affecting every student in the state of Michigan for the better, and she is sorry that he is leaving the Department. She said he is a true gentleman and a great role model.

Ms. Carnell presented Dr. Hughes with a tribute from Governor Jennifer M. Granholm citing some of the accomplishments of Dr. Hughes including his leadership in the implementation of the federal No Child Left Behind Act, the Michigan Merit Curriculum, the Michigan Merit Examination, and the Grade Level Content Expectations.

Dr. Hughes said this is his 40th year in public education and he could not have imagined a better way to end a career than the past five years in the Michigan Department of Education under the leadership of Mr. Watkins and Mr. Flanagan, and working with all the wonderful people in the Department. He said he is appreciative of the recognition.

Mr. Flanagan said it has been a pleasure to know and work with Jeremy Hughes, and he is clearly one of the best educators he has been associated with. He said Dr. Hughes is a kind man with a unique ability to work with people, and he wishes him well in his retirement.

IX. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 10:09 a.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

X. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Flanagan called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

XI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A & B. Presentation of the Draft K-12 Content Expectations for Social Studies Prior to Public, National, and Legislative Review

The above mentioned item (a combination of two items) was presented by the following individuals:

- Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer
- Ms. Yvonne Caamal Canul, Director, Office of School Improvement
- Dr. Bob Bain, Associate Professor, University of Michigan
- Mr. Stan Masters, Consultant, Lenawee Intermediate School District

The draft of the K-12 Content Expectations for Social Studies was presented to the State Board of Education before being provided to the field for feedback. It is anticipated that a field, legislative, and national review will begin later in May. The Content Expectations will be returned to the Board for presentation and discussion in August, and approval in September.

The presentation explained the process that has been used in the development of the document, and that it is the beginning of the second phase of development – public, legislative, and national review.

Board member comments and *staff clarifications* included:

1. appreciative of the challenges of integrating critical thinking skills and content information – *the real challenges are professional development, curriculum resources and assessment;*
2. in the front of the document state the intent to be responsible citizens, because all people should be responsible, well-informed, participatory citizens whether or not they attend college;
3. how will teachers determine what will be assessed since there is so much content – *the document was developed as a curriculum, one of the next steps is to design assessments that allow validity when people have latitude in teaching concepts;*
4. encouraging students and teachers to think creatively as well as using critical thinking skills will allow teachers the ability to go deeper and develop more authentic learning experiences; it also allows students to evaluate themselves in their ever-changing roles;
5. this document causes us to think differently about how curriculum is designed at the district level, for instance social studies and economics can be integrated with English language arts, history, and political science; this kind of integration can inform the teacher preparation study group, foster a new way of teaching, and encourage collaborative efforts;
6. the document should be posted for longer than one month for public review – *we could extend the posting through the time of national review;*
7. concern about geography content being integrated into the curriculum – *attempting to capture multiple disciplines in single content expectations is a challenge; we can do a better job of identifying when this is being done;*

8. how were K-8 and high school content standards work groups brought together to be sure there is no gap in knowledge – *a neutral group reviewed alignment for a seamless transition;*
9. how will students be reminded of information they learned in a previous grade – *foundational content expectations review information previously learned;*
10. consider including colonization period;
11. consider including local governance since most citizens' experience will be at a local or township level;
12. when will this be used in classrooms – *major roll out of document is October 3, 2007, for use in the 2007-2008 school year;*
13. will textbooks be available – *yes;*
14. *assessments will be aligned in 2009;*
15. continue to work on implementation and classroom teaching at the postsecondary level; and
16. it would helpful to think about assessment as part of this process and discuss the difficulties in assessing critical thinking skills – *assessment is an ongoing, integral part of instruction and evaluation of a student's level of understanding and is not limited to spring or fall testing; currently examining the most appropriate assessments for content expectations.*

The following individuals offered comments:

- Kelli Sweet, Michigan Council for the Social Studies
- Michael Libbee, Michigan Geographic Alliance

XII. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – MR. MICHAEL P. FLANAGAN

Mr. Flanagan introduced Dr. Sally Vaughn, Superintendent, Livingston Educational Service Agency; who has accepted the position of Deputy Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer, Michigan Department of Education. He said he has worked with Dr. Vaughn and she is a distinguished educator, who will be joining the Department during the summer. Dr. Vaughn said she is looking forward to joining the team in the position being vacated by Dr. Jeremy Hughes upon his retirement.

XIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS (continued)

C. Presentation of the Draft K-7 Grade Level Content Expectations for Science Prior to Public, and National Review

The following individuals presented:

- Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer
- Ms. Yvonne Caamal Canul, Director, Office of School Improvement
- Ms. Liz Niehaus, Co-chair of the Science Work Group

High School Content Expectations for Science were developed and approved in August 2006. To ensure a continuous K-12 curriculum, the K-7 Grade Level Content Expectations for Science were developed. The first draft was presented to the Board prior to a field and national review.

Board member comments and *staff clarifications* included:

1. how is the public notified when documents are posted on the website for review and comment – *via the network of association membership, Good Morning OSI, www.michigan.gov/osi;*
2. can the document be posted for a review period beyond June 24 – *yes it can be posted longer for review purposes;*
3. *the Legislature will be notified that the document is available for review, although legislation does not require notification; and*
4. notification of the opportunity for review could also be published in the popular press.

XIV. RECESS

The Board recessed the Committee of the Whole at 11:55 a.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 1:05 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

XV. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

A. Approval of Minutes of Committee of the Whole and Regular Meeting of April 10, 2007

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. Danhof, that the State Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole and Regular Meeting of April 10, 2007.

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

- B. Approval of Record of State Board of Education Retreat of April 13, 2007

Mrs. Bauer moved, seconded by Mrs. Danhof, that the State Board of Education approve the Minutes of the State Board of Education Retreat of April 13, 2007.

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

XVI. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- A. Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust

Mrs. Straus said she attended the State of Michigan Holocaust Commemoration ceremony hosted by the Michigan Jewish Conference at the State Capitol Rotunda on April 18, 2007. She said more than 70 Holocaust survivors and many members of the Legislature were present when she presented the Resolution for the Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust as approved by the State Board of Education on April 10, 2007.

- B. 2007 Michigan Volunteer Champion Award

Mrs. Straus said Serve Michigan presented the 2007 Michigan Volunteer Champion Awards on April 18, 2007 at the State Capitol. She said she was honored to receive the Service Educator Award for dedication to advancing service-learning throughout Michigan's education community. She said other honorees included Representative Steve Tobocman, Senator Mark Jansen, Senator Wayne Kuipers, Representative Brenda Clack, and Senator Gerald Van Woerkom.

- C. Support Staff Recognition Events

Mrs. Straus said she had the pleasure of representing the Board at the Support Staff Breakfast on April 24, 2007 which was a wonderful opportunity to recognize the many excellent people who keep the Department functioning smoothly under very trying times.

Mrs. Straus said she was also present with Mrs. Hamilton, Ms. Shane, and Ms. Kyff on April 30, 2007 at the surprise announcement of Mrs. Helen Miller as the Support Person of the Year, as mentioned previously. She said it was a pleasure to visit the Jerry L. White Center in Detroit, and meet Mrs. Miller, the administration, staff and students.

D. Wayne State University College of Education Anniversary

Mrs. Straus said Mrs. Bauer, Ms. Ulbrich, and she attended the Celebration of the 125th Anniversary of Wayne State University's College of Education on May 4, 2007.

E. Installation of Marygrove College President Fike

Mrs. Straus said she attended the inauguration of the President of Marygrove College on May 5. She said President David J. Fike, Ph.D., is only the eighth president of the College. She said it was a very creative ceremony with Dr. Fike's wife as one of the speakers. Dr. Fike said he wants to promote urban leadership, and students indicated they are ready to accept the challenge.

F. Blue Ribbon Schools

Mrs. Straus said she has been privileged to attend several Blue Ribbon School celebrations throughout Michigan in April and May. She said these schools are excellent examples of great administrators, principals, teachers, staff, parents, and community involvement.

G. Executive Order 2007-4

Mrs. Straus said she is pleased that Governor Granholm has issued Executive Order 2007-4, transferring Career and Technical Education back to the Department of Education. She said this will help with the effective implementation of the new Michigan Merit Curriculum.

XVII. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Reports

G. Human Resources Update

H. Report on Administrative Rule Waivers

I. Report on Modification to the Previously Approve Livingston Educational Service Agency Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services

- J. Report on Teacher Certification Revocation

Grants

- U. 2007-2008 Special Projects Grants Under Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – Initial
- V. 2006-2007 Mandated Activities Project, Preschool Outcomes Measurement Grant – Amendment
- W. 2006-2007 Title I, Part A – Improving Basic Programs – Amendment

Mr. Flanagan provided a verbal report on:

- A. Dual Enrollment Opportunities Chart

Mr. Flanagan said the Dual Enrollment Opportunities Chart posted on the wall of the Ladislaus B. Dombrowski Board Room shows that there is room for improvement in the number of students enrolling in dual enrollment opportunities. He said this is a prime opportunity to help students excel earlier as well as get a head start on post-secondary enrollment opportunities that students can take advantage of in 11th and 12th grade.

- B. State of Michigan Employee Appreciation Week

Mr. Flanagan said Governor Granholm has proclaimed May 7-11, 2007 as State of Michigan Employee Appreciation Week. He said it is unfortunate to have hard-working employees facing possible ramifications of the budget crisis during the same week they are to be honored. He said he has high regard and thanks for employees who are continuing to do a great job with this cloud hanging over their heads.

XVIII. REPORT BY MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Ms. Kim Kyff, 2006-2007 Michigan Teacher of the Year, said in the interest of brevity she will let her report stand as written.

XIX. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

- A. Mr. Timothy Paulding, Greenville, Michigan. Mr. Paulding, representing Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind, provided comments on Camp Tuhsmeheeta.
- B. Ms. Chelsea Henrizi, Mulliken, Michigan. Ms. Henrizi provided comments on her experience as a camper at Camp Tuhsmeheeta.

XX. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 1:24 p.m. and reconvened the Committee of the Whole at 1:25 p.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

XXI. DISCUSSION ITEMS (continued)

- D. Presentation on Proposed Performance Level Change Designations for Grade 3-8 MEAP and MI-Access Functional Independence Assessments

The following individuals presented:

- Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer
- Dr. Edward Roeber, Senior Executive Director, Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability
- Dr. Joseph Martineau, Manager, General Assessment, Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability

This was a presentation of the proposed Progress Standards to be used to report whether students taking the MEAP and MI-Access assessments have made progress from one grade level to the next at the elementary and middle school levels. Four Progress performance levels were proposed: Little, Some, Considerable, and Extensive.

Board member comments and *staff clarifications* included:

1. *the passing scores on the MEAP test don't change from year to year, but the percentage of students required to score in the "proficient" level must increase gradually to 100% in 2014;*
2. *how often do we recalculate passing MEAP scores – when a new test series occurs; the No Child Left Behind bar rises until 2014;*
3. *is there a field review – the Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability Advisory Committee will get input from its members;*
4. *this gives us the opportunity to see how individual children are progressing rather than cohorts; and*
5. *this is clear and understandable.*

XXII. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Committee of the Whole at 1:47 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 1:48 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

XXIII. RECEIVE THE REPORT ON MICHIGAN TEST FOR TEACHER CERTIFICATION

Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer; Dr. Flora Jenkins, Director, Office of Professional Preparation Services; and Dr. Steven Stegink, Consultant, Office of Professional Preparation Services; presented Report on Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (MTTC).

Mr. Flanagan said this is a mandated report, and he wants to make it clear that all teachers in Michigan public school classrooms must pass their state content area exam in order to become certificated.

Dr. Jenkins said the report contains Michigan Test for Teacher Certification scores for eligible teacher candidates for 2005-2006, and the three year cumulative pass rate for 2003-2004, 2004-2005, and 2005-2006. She said the MTTC is one measure used to identify effective teacher preparation institutions. She said Title II of the Higher Education Act requires that states report on teacher test pass rates and develop a performance report on teacher preparation institutions. She said 100 percent of Michigan's certified teachers have passed the MTTC.

Mr. Austin said this is in line with providing transparent performance information in order to encourage continuous improvement.

Mrs. Bauer asked if the verification process includes verification with out-of-state institutions for students coming to Michigan from other states. Dr. Jenkins said it does not, rather it allows Michigan institutions to disclaim candidates coming from out-of-state who may list a Michigan institution as their college.

Mrs. Straus asked if some candidates take the test in more than one science. Dr. Jenkins said it is possible to take the test in general science and a specific science, for example. Dr. Jenkins said there was increased activity as people worked to become highly qualified in compliance with the No Child Left Behind Act.

Mrs. Danhof said it is difficult to determine if institutions with small enrollment numbers are meeting the needs of their students when numbers are not reported to protect their anonymity. Dr. Stegink said reportable information is available on the three-year cumulative report which is on the Michigan Department of Education website.

Mrs. Carnell asked if the trend in a specific content area is a low percentage score over time, what is done to address the assessment. Dr. Stegink said the standing technical advisory council meets annually to address such issues.

Mr. Austin said elementary teachers should be strong in their content areas so that students have a base to work from. He said whether or not there are too many people in single disciplines is another issue that should be examined. Dr. Jenkins said the elementary standards are being examined and reworked with regard to rigor in mathematics, science, and social studies.

Mr. Flanagan said the best and brightest students need to be recruited to the noble profession of teaching. Ms. Kyff said it is a matter of prestige and being valued as a teacher, which can be a societal issue.

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. Curtin, that the State Board of Education receive the report on Michigan Test for Teacher Certification 2005-2006, as discussed in the Superintendent's memorandum dated April 23, 2007.

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

XXIV. APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR THE MI-ACCESS PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORTED INDEPENDENCE V1.5 ASSESSMENTS

Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer; Dr. Edward Roeber, Senior Executive Director, Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability; and Dr. Joseph Martineau, Manager, General Assessment, Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability; presented Approval of the Proposed Performance Standards for the MI-Access Participation and Supported Independence V1.5 Assessments.

Dr. Roeber distributed a revised memorandum. Dr. Roeber said one of the final steps in getting the new MI-Access assessments approved by the United States Department of Education is to provide "A description of the standard setting process and participants for the MI-Access Participation and Supported Independence, and evidence of final Board approval." He said there were four standard setting panels, comprised of Michigan educators and parents, that went through a detailed process for determining recommended cut scores for the three MI-Access performance categories of Surpassed the Performance Standard, Attained the Performance Standard, and Emerging Toward the Performance Standard. He said the panel recommendations were also reviewed by the Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability Technical Advisory Committee, and the performance standards are being presented to the Board for approval.

Mrs. Danhof moved, seconded by Mrs. Straus, that the State Board of Education approve the recommended performance standards for the MI -Access Participation and Supported Independence V1.5 assessments, and direct staff to use these performance standards in reporting the 2006-2007 results for each of the MI -Access assessments.

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

XXV. STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Ms. Lisa Hansknecht, Legislative Director, presented State Legislative Update.

Ms. Hansknecht said the Senate passed Senate Bill 403 addressing high school graduation requirement modifications for students transferring with at least two years of high school credit to Michigan from another state or private school.

Ms. Hansknecht said Senate Bill 194 has passed the Senate unanimously. She said this bill amends the Revised School Code to permit the use of state school aid funds for the education of individuals committed to a high or medium security juvenile facility operated by the Department of Human Services.

XXVI. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval

- O. Approval of State Board of Education Expense Report

Criteria

- P. Approval of Allocation Formula for Title I, Part C, Public Law 103-382
- Q. Approval of Criteria for the Michigan School Readiness Program Evaluation Grant
- R. Approval of Criteria for the Qualified Zone Academy Bond (QZAB) Program

Resolutions

- T. Adoption of Resolution Regarding Talent Development Week
- X. Adoption of Resolution Honoring Steven L. Horstman

Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mr. Austin, that the State Board of Education approve the Superintendent's recommendations for the consent agenda, as follows:

- O. approve the January 1 – March 31, 2007 report of State Board of Education expenses dated April 23, 2007;**
- P. approve the Allocation Formula for Title I, Part C, Public Law 103-382, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated April 23, 2007;**
- Q. approve the Criteria for the Michigan School Readiness Program Evaluation Grant as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated April 23, 2007;**
- R. approve the Criteria for the Qualified Zone Academy Bond Program as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated April 23, 2007;**
- T. adopt the resolution regarding Talent Development Week, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated April 23, 2007; and**
- X. adopt the resolution honoring Steven L. Horstman, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated April 30, 2007.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution regarding Talent Development Week is attached as Exhibit C.

Resolution honoring Steven L. Horstman is attached as Exhibit D.

XXVII. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

- A. May is Mental Health Month – Mrs. Elizabeth Bauer**

Mrs. Bauer said May is Mental Health Month, and May 8 is Children's Mental Health Awareness Day. She said there will be a rally at the State Capitol on May 24. She said the more that mental health and social services can be integrated in the educational setting the better. She said full service schools are getting terrific results with student achievement and parental and community involvement.

- B. Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust –
Mrs. Nancy Danhof

Mrs. Danhof said she presented the Resolution adopted by the Board on May 8, 2007 for Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust at the Capitol in Washington, D.C. She said speakers included injured parties from current genocides and holocausts throughout the world.

XXVIII. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Mr. Flanagan asked Board members to submit agenda topics for future Board meetings to Mrs. Straus, Mr. Austin, or Mrs. Curtin, who serve as members of the agenda planning committee.

XXIX. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. June 12, 2007
- B. July 10, 2007
- C. August 14, 2007
- D. September 11, 2007

XXX. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn L. Curtin
Secretary